

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

**Claim 1** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ A carpet tile (1)-comprising a support plate (2);

a carpet material (3) on said support plate (2);

a first mechanical locking element (4) extending along a first joint edge (8a) of said carpet tile (1), and

a second complementary mechanical locking element (5) extending along a second joint edge (8b) of said carpet tile (1).

**Claim 2** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile (1) according to claim 1, wherein said first and second mechanical locking elements are provided on opposing joint edges (8a,8b).

**Claim 3** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 1, wherein said carpet tile (1) has four joint edges (8a,8b,8c,8d) and further includes a third locking element (6) extending along a third joint edge (8e) and a complementary fourth locking element (7) extending along a fourth joint edge (8d) of said carpet tile (1).

**Claim 4** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to one of claims 1 to claim 3, wherein the respective locking elements (4,5,6,7) extend either along the entire length of said respective joint edges or along a part of said respective joint edges (8a,8b,8c,8d).

**Claim 5** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to one of claims 1 to claim 2, wherein said support plate (2) is formed of either HDF, MDF or polymer material.

**Claim 6** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to one of claims 1

~~to-claim 3~~, wherein said carpet material-(3) is formed of either needled felt, tuft or woven material.

**Claim 7** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 3~~ ~~to-claim 5~~ wherein said first and/or third locking element-(4,6) is a male locking element, and said second and/or fourth locking element-(5,7)-is a female locking element.

**Claim 8** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 7, wherein said male locking element-(4,6)-includes a lateral projecting tongue-(11) and said female locking element-(5,7)-includes a lateral open groove-(10).

**Claim 9** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1~~ ~~to-claim 8~~, wherein said first and second locking elements-(4,5) are formed to vertically lock the respective joint edges-(8a,8b)-of two carpet tiles-(3a,3b) or are formed to vertically and horizontally lock the respective joint edges-(8a,8b)-of two carpet tiles.

**Claim 10** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims~~ ~~claim 3-to-9~~, wherein said third and fourth locking elements are formed to vertically lock the respective joint edges-(8c,8d)-of two carpet tiles, or are formed to vertically and horizontally lock the respective joint edges-(8c,8d)-of two carpet tiles.

**Claim 11** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims~~ ~~1~~ ~~to-claim 10~~, wherein said locking elements-(4,5,6,7)-are integrally formed with said support plate-(2).

**Claim 12** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims~~ ~~1~~ ~~to-claim 10~~, wherein at least one locking element-(8a,8b,8c,8d)-includes a separate profile-(9).

**Claim 13** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 12, wherein said separate profile-(9) is either an extruded profile or an injection molded connection part.

**Claim 14** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~claims 12 and~~ ~~claim 13~~, wherein said first locking element-(5')-includes a male part-(11) and said separate profile-(9) having a female part-(10')-on each longitudinal side, respectively,

said male part-(11)-cooperates with one of said female parts-(10')-of said separate profile

(9).

**Claim 15** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 14, wherein said second or third locking element (5,6) includes a complementary male part (11) that is engagable with the other one of said female parts (10") of said separate profile (9).

**Claim 16** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 12 or 13, wherein said first locking element (4,6) includes a female part (10) and said separate profile (9) having a male part (11) on each longitudinal side, respectively, said female locking part cooperates with one of said female parts of said separate profile (9).

**Claim 17** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 16, wherein said second or third locking element (5,6) includes a complementary female part that is engagable with the other one of said male parts of said separate profile (9).

**Claim 18** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to claim 4 to 17, wherein at least the first and second locking elements include a first female part (5a,7a,4a,6a) extending along a first length of said respective joint edge (8a,8b,8c,8d) and a second male part (5b,7b,4b,6b) extending over a second length of said same joint edge (8a,8b,8c,8d).

**Claim 19** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one~~ of ~~claims~~ claim 1 to 18, wherein said support plate (2) includes a support frame (14) that is foreseen with the respective locking elements (4,5,6,7).

**Claim 20** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to claim 19~~, wherein said support plate (2) has a cell structure.

**Claim 21** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to claim 20~~, wherein said carpet material (3) is glued to said support plate (2), coextruded or attached by mold injection.

**Claim 22** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to claim 21~~, wherein an intermediate material is provided between the support plate (2) and the carpet material (3).

**Claim 23** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~one of claims 1 to 22~~, wherein said first and second locking elements (4,5) are of the angling down type

or the snapping type.

**Claim 24** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~claims 3 to~~ ~~claim~~ 23, wherein said third and fourth locking elements (6,7) are of the angling down type or the snapping type.

**Claim 25** (currently amended) ~~Carpet~~ The carpet tile according to ~~claims 1 to~~ ~~claim~~ 21, wherein all locking elements (4,5,6,7) are connectable in the same plane.